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SUBJECT: SAUDI VISA REGULATIONS

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1. A-2 VISAS, ANNOTATED "OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STUDENT", ARE ISSUED IN JIDDA TO SAUDI STUDENTS WITHOUT NECESSITY OF PRESENTING I-20 FORMS. SUCH STUDENTS RECEIVE A-2 ONLY IF SAUDI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN JIDDA SENDS US DIPLOMATIC NOTE CERTIFYING VISA APPLICANT TO BE RECIPIENT OF GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP OBLIGATING APPLICANT'S RETURN TO THE KINGDOM FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

2. EVEN IF SAUDI STUDENTS APPLY FOR A-2 VISAS OUTSIDE OF THE KINGDOM, MFA MUST CERTIFY APPLICANT'S STATUS AND CERTIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO US. IN THEORY, WE IN TURN WOULD NOTIFY THE INTERESTED EMBASSY THAT APPLICANT IS CURRENT RECIPIENT OF GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP AND THEREBY ENTITLED TO ISSUANCE OF A-2 VISAS, IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, SAUDI MFA IS RELUCTANT TO ISSUE CERTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS APPLYING OUTSIDE OF KINGDOM. OUR CONCLUSION IS IT IS BETTER TO RECOMMEND THAT SAUDIS ATTEMPT TO WORK WITHIN THEIR OWN CHANNELS BY THEIR REFERRING REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION DIRECTLY TO MFA THROUGH SAUDI EMBASSY RATHER THAN FOR US TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION IN SAUDI'S BEHALF.

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3. IN CASE RELATIVES OF DIPLOMATS, I.E., SAUDI AMBASSADOR'S
SON, IT IS PRESUMED THAT MFA WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
VERIFY STUDENT'S STATUS AND TO ISSUE THE NEEDED CERTIFICATION.
IN SUCH CASES, WE SUGGEST WE BE ADVISED OF NEED FOR
CERTIFICATION, OF APPLICANT'S NAME AND POSITION OF HIS
RELATIVE, AND NAME OF SAUDI MINISTRY PROVIDING SPONSORSHIP.
WE WOULD REQUEST MFA'S CERTIFICATION AND ADVISE YOU UPON
RECEIPT OF APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE A-2
VISA.
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